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CHOIR CONCERT
HOUGH AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH
Sat. May 10th 7:45 p.m.

This is the season of concerts, banquets, and commencements. Our B.B.I. choir has made an extended tour this year, singing in ten cities outside of Cleveland.

Plan now to hear their excellent singing under the direction of Mrs. Vivian Amsler. The program includes a few new and varied selections, variations of some of our old favorite hymns, the male quartet, girl's trio, duets, solos, and an instrumental ensemble.

It is hoped that Christ will be exalted and Him only. The choir's prayer is that hearts may yield to Him and dedicate their lives for His service.

Be sure to come early on Sat. May 10th to avoid the "standing room only".

GRADUATION BANQUET
Hudson River Room
STOUFFERS 14th & Euclid
Fri. May 16th 6:30 p.m.

Customs of past years are being set aside. This year the school is holding its Graduation Banquet in a restaurant rather than in a church. We are sure that every one will want to attend, and that you will have a wonderful time of Christian fellowship.

Special arrangements have been made to honor the graduates of both Day and Evening School. We will have an outstanding program of special music followed by a message by Rev. Ernest A. Finkbiner, Pastor of the Brookside Baptist Church.

Reservation tickets may be obtained through the School office or from any Day School Student or your Alumni officers. The complete cost of this meal will be \$2.00 per person. Tickets may be reserved before May 14th. A special section will be reserved for the Alumni. Plan to attend!

ESPECIALLY FOR ALUMNI !!

The Most Important Meeting of the Year.

A L U M N I B A N Q U E T

Friday May 23rd

6:30 p.m.

To be held in the newly
redecorated second floor
of the City Mission, 801
St. Clair near E. 9th St.

\$ 1.50 per person

Watch for post card
Announcement. Please
mail your reservation
as soon as possible.

B.B.I. COMMENCEMENT

Our seventh annual Commencement Exercises will be held May 29th in the Hough Avenue Baptist Church at 7:45 p.m. The Speaker of the evening who will bring the message to the 1952 graduates and friends of the Baptist Bible Institute will be Rev. Edward C. Bomm, associate treasurer of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

The Rev. Mr. Bomm is a veteran missionary having given many years of faithful service in the Philippine Islands. He served as director of the Bible Institute in Manila. During World War II, he was chief negotiator between the Christian missionaries and the Japanese. He and Mrs. Bomm, along with others, suffered severe deprivations and near death at Sana Tomas Prison. After their liberation, Mr. Bomm remained in the Philippine Islands to supervise the reconstruction work after the war. His experiences of God's presence and power during missionary service will thrill the hearts of all in attendance.

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The following testimonies are from members of the Senior Class. They will soon graduate and will become (we hope) active members of the Alumni.

MARY ROSELYN HALL... May 29, 1949 High School Commencement, big ideas, possibilities, plans, and even fears for the future filled the mind of at least one of the sixty-four graduates of Mannington High School, Mannington, West Virginia. That summer the Lord, with the use of many circumstances, brought me to the Baptist Bible Institute. These three wonderful years of blessed Christian fellowship, regular classes, challenging assignments, social activity, and practical work have given me things

money can never secure. The Lord has blessed me richly, and I praise Him for it. What does commencement hold for me? At present I feel that I should secure more training, but if the Lord leads me directly into service I am willing to obey His command.

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GEORGE SMITH... Knowing God's will isn't always easy and no one else can know it for us. By prayer, Bible study and circumstances--accompanied by patient waiting--generally brings knowledge of God's will for our lives.

We don't know actually what God's will for us is as yet, but we hope to serve Him to the best of our ability in performing the service He has for us.

Our effectiveness, we trust, has been somewhat improved since we have come to B.B.I. It is with regret that we leave the halls of school, and yet we know that He has a place for us in His vineyard.

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BLANCH NEPHEW.... Three years ago I, with a few other students of like mind, made my way through the registration line of B.B.I.

Then I only intended to stay one year and go into nurses' training--(You must be practical about such things, you know.)

But once tasting His riches in the classroom, in chapel, and the fellowship of Christians... I wanted more.

My testimony could be summed in the words of a song we often sing, " 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word, Just to rest upon His promise and to know THUS SAITH THE LORD. "

My future plans are only to do what Christ wants me to do. (The best way of being practical about such things.)

DONNA PAULEY... Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.."

I praise the Lord for calling me to the Baptist Bible Institute to complete my training. I praise Him too for the blessings I have received in classes, through chapel speakers, and from the fellowship at the dormitory.

It is really wonderful to study the Word of God and be able to go out on week-ends and serve the Lord.

As for future plans, I feel that the Lord would have me do children's and young people's work. But my prayer is that whatever it is, I will always be faithful in telling the Gospel.

JO ANN HOWARD... Ephesians 3:19 "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that I (ye) might be filled with all the fulness of God. "

Truly, as a born-again Christian, the above verse is my prayer as I go forward for Him whether here or abroad. My desire is to be filled with all the fulness of God and win those who know not Christ to a saving knowledge of Him who loved them and gave Himself for their sins.

Not knowing as yet where the Lord will send me, I can say with the prophet Isaiah, "Here am I, send me."

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MR. & MRS. DEWEY O'DELL We were led to B.B.I., being burdened for those neglected areas which are in the line of "Home Missions". We are grateful for the benefits we have received from the very excellent Faculty and the entire B.B.I family, including their able leader and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Amsler. The Lord has not revealed to us any work of a permanent nature, however, we have accepted an invitation to serve our home Church in D.V.B.S. in Decatur, Illinois (June 9-23) at the Riverside Baptist Church where Rev. George A. Bates is Pastor. The B.B.I. Christian Service Department has furnished us with ample practical work in teaching and preaching.

The work among children has been a special source of blessing in our lives.